GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FIGHT AGAINST MAOISTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tribals in Orissa and Chhattisgarh have joined hands with police to fight against the Maoists/Naxalites;

(b) if so, the details in this regard along with the steps taken by the Government to encourage and assist them in this mission;

(c) the success achieved by such move of tribals in affected areas;

(d) whether any action plan has been prepared by the Government to promote such groupings against Naxalites/Maoists; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (e): Available reports indicate that villagers including tribals in Bijapur and Dantewada Police districts in Chhattisgarh are holding anti-naxalite rallies against the atrocities being committed by the naxalites despite threats from the latter. Anti-naxalite rallies are picking up momentum in Bastar region and the villagers have vowed to resist the naxalite activities.

Keeping in view the retaliatory action of the naxalites, the State Government has been asked to provide to the villagers and encourage formation of `Village Defence Committees`. The Central Govt. has assured all possible help to the State Govt. in this regard.